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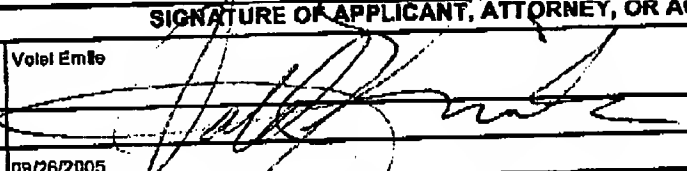
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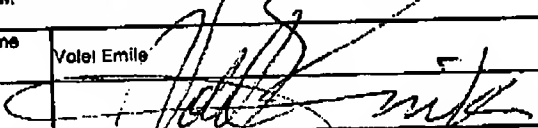
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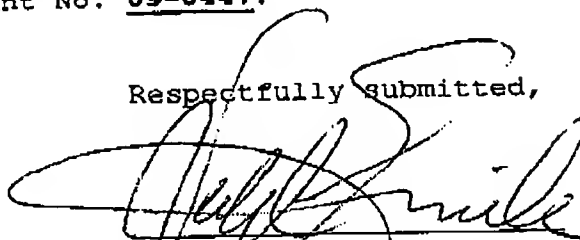
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APPENDIX

1. (Previously amended) A method of displaying a document having at least one section that is to be highlighted based on an intended user comprising the steps of:

displaying the document;

displaying at least one button with the document, the at least one button being associated with the at least one section of the document and indicating the intended user; and

highlighting the at least one section of the document when the at least one button is asserted.

2. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein highlighting the section entails graying out the document except the section.

3. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein highlighting the section entails displaying the section in a different color.

4. (Previously amended) A computer program product on a computer readable medium for displaying a document having at least one section to be highlighted based on an intended user comprising:

code means for displaying the document;

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code means for displaying at least one button with the document, the at least one button being associated with the at least one section of the document and indicating the intended user; and

code means for highlighting the at least one section of the document when the at least one button is asserted.

5. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 4 wherein highlighting the section entails graying out the document except the section.
6. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 4 wherein highlighting the section entails displaying the section in a different color.
7. (Previously amended) An apparatus for displaying a document having at least one section to be highlighted based on an intended user comprising:

means for displaying the document;

means for displaying at least one button with the document, the at least one button being associated with the at least one section of the document and indicating the intended user; and

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means for highlighting the at least one section of the document when the at least one button is asserted.

8. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 7 wherein highlighting the section entails graying out the document except the section.

9. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 7 wherein highlighting the section entails displaying the section in a different color.

10. (Previously amended) A computer system for displaying a document having at least one section to be highlighted based on an intended user comprising:

at least one memory device for storing code data; and

at least one processor for processing the code data to display the document with at least one button, the at least one button being associated with the at least one section of the document and indicating the intended user, and to highlight the at least one section of the document when the at least one button is asserted.

11. (Original) The computer system of Claim 10 wherein highlighting the section entails graying out the document except the section.

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12. (Original) The computer system of Claim 10 wherein highlighting the section entails displaying the section in a different color.
13. (New) The method of Claim 1 wherein the at least one section to be highlighted is within a pair of tags.
14. (New) The method of Claim 13 wherein when the at least one button is asserted, a string is sent to a search engine, the string indicating the tags for which the search engine is to search.
15. (New) The computer program product of Claim 4 wherein the at least one section to be highlighted is within a pair of tags.
16. (New) The computer program product of Claim 15 wherein when the at least one button is asserted, a string is sent to a search engine, the string indicating the tags for which the search engine is to search.
17. (New) The apparatus of Claim 7 wherein the at least one section to be highlighted is within a pair of tags.
18. (New) The apparatus of Claim 17 wherein when the at least one button is asserted, a string is sent to a search engine, the string indicating the tags for which the search engine is to search.

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19. (New) The computer system of Claim 10 wherein the at least one section to be highlighted is within a pair of tags.
20. (New) The computer system of Claim 19 wherein when the at least one button is asserted, a string is sent to a search engine, the string indicating the tags for which the search engine is to search.

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